

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

NORTHWEST ADMINISTRATORS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

APRO INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Virginia
corporation,

Defendant.

NO.

COMPLAINT TO COMPEL AUDIT

I.

Plaintiff, Northwest Administrators, Inc., is an organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington, with its principal place of business in King County, and is the authorized administrative agency for and the assignee of the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund (hereinafter "Trust").

II.

The Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund is an unincorporated association operating as a Trust Fund pursuant to Section 302 of

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1 the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, to provide retirement
2 benefits to eligible participants.

3 III.

4 This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under
5 Section 502(e)(1) and (f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
6 ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(1) and (f) and under §301(a) of the Taft-Hartley Act,
7 29 U.S.C. §185(a).
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9 IV.

10 Venue is proper in this District under Section 502(e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C.
11 §1132(e)(2), because the Plaintiff Trust Fund is administered in this District.
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13 V.

14 Defendant is a Virginia corporation.

15 VI.

16 Defendant is bound to a collective bargaining agreement with Local 986 of
17 the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (hereinafter "Local"), under which the
18 Defendant was required to promptly and fully report for and pay monthly
19 contributions to the Trust at specific rates for each hour of compensation (including
20 vacations, holidays, overtime and sick leave) said Defendant paid to its employees
21 who were members of the bargaining unit represented by the Local (such
22 bargaining unit members were any of the Defendant's part time or full time
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employees who performed any work task covered by the Defendant's labor contract with the Local, whether or not those employees ever actually joined the Local).

VII.

Defendant accepted the Trust's Agreement & Declaration Agreement ("Trust Agreement") which provides in part:

Each Employer shall promptly furnish to the Trustees or their authorized representatives on demand any and all records of his past or present Employees concerning the classification of such Employees, their names, Social Security numbers, amount of wages paid and hours worked or paid for, and any other payroll records and information the Trustees may require in connection with the administration of the Trust Fund, and for no other purpose. The Trustees or their authorized representatives may examine any books and records of each employer, which the Employer is required to furnish to the Trustees on demand whenever such examination is deemed necessary or desirable by the Trustees in the proper administration of the Trust. If it becomes necessary for the trustees to retain legal counsel to compel an Employer to furnish to, or permit the examination of books, or records or information by, the Trustees or their representatives, the Employer shall reimburse the Trust fund for all reasonable attorney's fees and court costs incurred by the Trust Fund in connection therewith, whether or not legal proceedings were instituted and whether or not such examination disclosed that the Employer has failed to make appropriate or timely Employer Contributions to the Trust Fund.

VIII.

The Trustees of the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust deem it both necessary and advisable to the proper administration of the Trust that their

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1 authorized representatives examine the Defendant's books and records for the
 2 inclusive period October 1, 2016 to the Present Date to determine if the Defendant
 3 previously reported for and paid to the Trust all of the amounts due for the
 4 Defendant's employment of members of the bargaining unit represented by the
 5 Trust for said period.

6 IX.

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 8 Despite notification to the Defendant of the Trustees' desire to conduct an
 9 audit for the period October 1, 2016 to the Present Date, and demands made upon
 10 the Defendant on the Trust's behalf for access to Defendant's records for an
 11 examination of them for that period, to date the Defendant has failed and refused to
 12 make its records available for the thorough examination the Trustees deem
 13 necessary and advisable to the proper administration of the Trust.

14 WHEREFORE, plaintiff, on the Trust's behalf, prays the court as follows:

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 16 1. That the Court enter an Order Compelling Audit under which
 17 Defendant shall be directed by the Court, within a specified time, to make available
 18 to the authorized representatives of the Trustees of the Trust for the period October
 19 1, 2016 to the Present Date:

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 21 A. Payroll records for all bargaining unit members: Broken
 down by pay period and hour type for the audit period.

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 23 B. Roster of all employees, not just bargaining unit, with:
 employee name, employee number, job position, department

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code, hire date, termination date, and any applicable re-hire/transfer dates.

C. Daily time records: Breakdown of hours worked per day for bargaining unit employees.

D. List of pay and department codes used by Apro International.

E. Cash Disbursement records: list of all payments to outside vendors or Employers made by Apro International during the audit period.

F. Temporary Agency Personnel Invoices: Any payments made for temporary agency personnel, if used by Apro International during the audit period.

G. Temporary Agency Personnel (TAP) Declaration:

H. State Employer Security Reports: These are the state quarterly unemployment reports for Apro International.

I. FMLA/Disability/Military Leave Lists: The auditor will need to review a list of employees who went on leave during the audit period. This will need to include the employee's name and times there were out on leave.

2. Afford to the authorized representatives of the Trustees of the Trust both ample time and opportunity to examine all such materials of Defendant at such time and at such place as shall be convenient to the Trustees' authorized representatives.

1 3. For judgment against the Defendant for:

- 2 A. All of the Plaintiff's attorney's fees incurred in gaining auditor
- 3 access to Defendant's records;
- 4 B. All of the Plaintiff's costs incurred in gaining auditor access to
- 5 defendant's records, and
- 6 C. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just
- 7 and equitable.
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9 DATED this 8~~th~~ day of August, 2018.

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11 L.L.P.

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15 Attorney for Plaintiff